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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Screening Centers, Family Planning Agencies, Local Education Agencies, Home Health Agencies and Pharmacies

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Flu Vaccine Provided by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

On January 14, 2013, the IME received notice from the Iowa Department of Public Health that the VFC program depleted their supply of flu vaccine stock. At that time a notice was placed on the remittance advice informing providers that effective for dates of service January 14, 2013, and for the remainder of the 2012-2013 flu season providers may use and bill for private stock when providing flu vaccine to children.

To bill Medicaid for private stock flu vaccine for a VFC eligible member, the appropriate flu vaccine procedure code with an appended "U8" modifier must be used. The vaccine administration procedure code should be billed as usual.

When billing the "U8" modifier, the claim must:

- Be submitted with the "U8" modifier appended to the appropriate CPT code for the flu vaccine.
- Include sub-charges for each line item/vaccine code billed. Reimbursement at the fee schedule rate will only occur when line item sub-charges are equal to or greater than the IME fee schedule rate.

Claims submitted for dates of service January 14, 2013, without the "U8" modifier appended will result in non-payment of the vaccine.

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.